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SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. I WAS ABLE TO REACH FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS BY TELEPHONE THIS MORNING, HIS FIRST DAY BACK IN THE OFFICE FOLLOWING THE RECENT UN ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK, AND REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT TO DELIVER THE SECRETARY'S ORAL MESSAGE ON THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS.

2. BITSIOS REPLIED THAT HE WOULD BE VERY GLAD TO SEE ME, BUT THAT HE HAD A HUGE BACKLOG OF URGENT WORK ON HIS DESK WHICH HE HAD NOT YET EVEN FOCUSED ON. WHEN I SUGGESTED THAT AMBASSADOR CALOGERAS MIGHT ALSO BE PRESENT AT OUR MEETING, HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW DALOGERAS' WHEREABOUTS BUT WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION HE WAS AWAY FROM ATHENS. (WE GATHER FROM ANOTHER CONTACT THAT CALOGERAS IS STILL ON VACATION, PERHAPS OUTSIDE OF GREECE.) BITSIOS ASKED ME TO CALL AGAIN MONDAY MORNING TO SET A MEETING WITH HIM ON THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS; BY THEN HE SAID HE WOULD BE MORE CURRENT WITH HIS WORK AND HAVE LOCATED CALOGERAS. HE ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANYTHING WE NEEDED TO KNOW BEFORE MONDAY.

3. I REPLIED THAT THE SECRETARY WANTED ME TO PROPOSE

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THE RESUMPTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY,

SEPTEMBER 1. BITSIOS REPLIED, IF THAT IS WHAT THE SECRETARY WANTED, HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE US. AS FAR AS HE PERSONALLY WAS CONCERNED, HE THOUGHT OUR PROPOSED RESUMPTION DATE WAS ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO SEE IF THE OTHER KEY MEMBERS ON THE GREEK SIDE COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. HE UNDERTOOK TO LET ME KNOW ON MONDAY, AT WHICH TIME I WILL PRESENT THE SECRETARY'S FULL MESSAGE AND CONVEY THE SPECIFIC VIEWS ENUMERATED IN PARA 4 REFTEL.

4. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO THE ABSENCE OF CALOGERAS, ANOTHER KEY INDIVIDUAL ON THE GREEK SIDE - MFA LAWYER MACHERITSAS-- IS CURRENTLY AT THE HAGUE. IN FACT, WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL OF THE TOP MFA LEGAL STAFF ARE IN THE HAGUE TO ASSIST IN GREECE'S PRESENTATION BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE CONCERNING THE AEGEAN DISPUTE WITH TURKEY. OTHER MEMBERS ON THE GREEK SIDE MAY ALSO BE DIFFICULT TO ROUND UP AND WE FEAR THERE MAY NOT BE ANYTHING MEANINGFUL THAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY MEETINGS HERE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. IN ALL FRANKNESS, I DO NOT THINK THEY CAN GET THEMSELVES ALL TOGETHER BY SEPTEMBER 1; MORE PROBABLY IT WILL BE SEPTEMBER 2 OR 3 OR, PERHAPS, EVEN THE 6TH OR 7TH. HOWEVER, WE WILL PRESS AS HARD AS WE CAN.

5. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO REGULAR BASE NEGOTIATION ADDRESSEES AS DESIRED.
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